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American Beats R.A.F. Air Record

Washington, June 19.
The U.S. Army Air Forces' jet-propelled P-80 "Shooting Star" set a new world speed record of 623.8 miles an hour today at Muroc Army Air Base, California.

The record, announced here by the U.S. Army Air Forces, exceeded by 7.8 miles per hour the record held by the British Gloster Meteor IV.

Colonel Albert Boyd, chief of the Air Material Command flight test division, was in the air for about 21 minutes at the controls of the sleek, specially-constructed Lockheed fighter known as the P-80.

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation spent nearly a year getting the "Racy-80" in shape. The air intake ducts on either side of the fuselage have been made nearly flush to reduce the drag. The windshield canopy has been cut down and shortened; gun ports faired over. Every other protuberance was smoothed.

The British record of 616 miles per hour was set on September 7, 1946, at Littlehampton, England.—United Press.

U.S. Shipping Strike Over

New York, June 19.
The nation-wide shipping tieup ended in all ports as members of three CIO unions voted acceptance of a five per cent wage increase on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and two West Coast unions agreed to end pending negotiations.

The railroad embargo on freight shipments to strike-bound American vessels was lifted a few hours after the "break in the 'no contract no work' stoppage came with the East Coast settlement.

East Coast unions and ship operators reached agreement early, after more than 16 continuous hours of negotiations. The West Coast break came ten hours later, releasing 700 ships from a four-day sit-down stoppage by 200,000 seamen.—United Press.

KARACHI CAPITAL OF PAKISTAN

Karachi, June 19.
Karachi has been finally selected as the capital of the Pakistan Dominion Government, it was learned here to-night.

The Sind Government has set up the machinery requisitioning and constructing buildings to house the Pakistan Administration.

Mr. Jinnah, President of the Moslem League, is expected in Karachi shortly to study the situation.—Reuter.

China's Challenge To World Effort

Shanghai, June 20.
The importance of an analysis of the reconstruction problems of the Far East was emphasised by the UNRRA observer, Mr. Harlan Cleveland, at today's meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

He referred to the great difference between the problems that UNRRA faced in China and those met with in Europe. The whole emphasis differed. The overall UNRRA programme for China now stood approximately US\$30,000,000. Food

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RIVER STEAMER DISASTER

Hundred Lives Lost In Kwangtung Floods

Water Only Five Inches From Bund

Canton, June 20.
More than 100 persons were lost when the river steamer Chien Kuo struck rocks in the North River which is still at flood stage, according to a report received here.

The report said the vessel was en route from Tsingyuen to Canton when the swift current threw it upon submerged rocks near Mang Tsai Gap (Blind Boy's Gap) north of Canton. It is not known whether there were any survivors. All the ship's cargo was lost.

Meanwhile, the Kwangtung Emergency Flood authorities began to mobilize Relief Committee decided that all civil servants would be levied one day's pay for relief purposes. This is expected to amount to CN\$200,000,000 while restaurants, tea houses and theatres will contribute one day's receipts, expected to amount to an additional \$50,000,000.

The price of rice rose 75 percent to reach \$220,000 per picul.

The Highways Commission announced that all roads are blocked except that between Canton and the district of Tung Fa, and the one between Kung and Nanyang. Telegraphic communication between Canton and the East and West River areas is entirely disrupted.

Roads Blocked
The CNRRA Canton Regional Office allocated 1,000 tons of rice for relief in the Waichow and West River areas, and the

Waichow Now A Lake

Canton, June 20.
The swift flood waters of the East River and the West River claimed more than 100 lives, the Canton "Daily Sun" estimated today.

The flood has destroyed nearly all early rice crops close to the two river banks.

AUSSIE GIFT
London, June 20.
Australia today gave Britain a cheque for £25,000,000 with an explanation that it was a "goodwill" gift with no strings attached.—Associated Press.

ELECTIONS IN CHINA

Nanking, June 19.
The general national election will definitely be held this year and is expected to be completed by the end of September, declared Mr. Chang Li-sheng, Minister of Interior, at a press conference this afternoon.—Central News.

Stockholm, June 20.
Raja Bhadinder Singh of India was elected to the International Olympic Committee during the meeting of the Olympic Congress here.

Mr. S.Y. Tung of China was also elected to the Committee.—Reuter.

Kwangsi Affected

Kwelin, June 20.
More than 50 houses (counties) in Kwangsi province have been affected by the recent floods, according to reports received here today.

The main southern Kwangsi town of Nanning along the West River near the Kwangtung border is submerged under several feet of water.

Thousands of refugees are fleeing along the main roads leading to the northern part of the province.—Central News.

Relief Effort

London, June 20.
The British United Aid to China Fund is launching a special appeal to the British people to give generously to help the 500,000 victims of the disastrous flood in Kwangtung province in South China.—Reuter.

Italy And Marshall Plan

Rome, June 20.
The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, said today that the Marshall plan was motivated by anti-war sentiments and pledged Italy's participation "on a basis of equality."

Speaking in parliament, Count Sforza hailed the United States Secretary of State's proposal for European economic unity as the "first ray of light which has appeared before the world."

"I have already received from Washington and London an indication that the attitude of the Italian Government has been understood," the Minister said. "We have supported the Marshall plan because while Fascism did not believe in Italy and wanted war we believe in Italy and want peace."

The Soviet proposal that all major decisions require a two-thirds majority and minor motions, only a simple majority was automatically lost when there was no seconded.—United Press.

EUROPEANS IN HOLD-UP

Canton, June 20.
The driver of taxi No. 4160, operated by the New Kowloon Taxi Co., was held up by three Europeans at Shatin at about 9 p.m. yesterday. After being struck on the mouth by one of the Europeans, he was thrown out of the car, and the taxi driven away in an unknown direction.

Warning Of New Threat At Tel-Aviv

Jerusalem, June 20.
Police and military forces at Tel-Aviv were alerted today after a report was received that there was an additional tunnel near Citrus House, military headquarters.

The authorities are searching for the tunnel. The first tunnel was dug by Jewish extremists in an attempt to blow up Citrus House but their plans were foiled by Haganah members who blasted the tunnel.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, a military court sentenced Dov Zmidek, 23, to 10 years' imprisonment on a charge of carrying weapons. Zmidek was guarding three drivers whose vehicles had been stolen. He tried to escape but was wounded and captured.—United Press.

Typhoon Moving This Way

Manila, June 20.
"Carole," the season's first typhoon shaved the northeast tip of Luzon this afternoon and threatens to hit the China coast.

The U.S. Fleet weather centre said Navy planes located the centre at 0600 GMT at 18.3 North, 120.3 East, moving northeast at 12 knots.

Winds at the centre reached 100 knots, accelerating together with the speed of the storm and causing "very rough seas" in the Luzon straits and adjacent waters. Winds of 65 knots were reported within 150 miles of the centre.

At 0800 GMT, the storm was reported about 50 miles due east of Cape Engano. Weathermen forecast the position at 1800 GMT at 20.1 North, 121.0 East and at 0600 GMT on June 21 at 22.1 North, 119.2 East.

"Carole" thus would move through the Luzon Strait and only "a sharp change in course" could save the China coast from a battering, the Navy said.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, June 20.
A typhoon this morning was on a northerly course 300 miles east of Northern Luzon, United States Army meteorological authorities reported.

Typhoon winds are reaching 76 miles per hour.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Anticyclones centred over Tibet and the upper Yangtze. The latter's ridge extends to S. China. Pressure is low from Burma to the Philippines and a ridge centred about 100 miles E. of Northern Luzon is moving NW or NNW. Today's Forecast—Light easterly winds.

Yesterday's Weather—
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Press Inquiry Secrecy

London, June 20.
The Royal Commission on the Press announced today that all oral evidence in its inquiry will be heard in private.

The Commission decided, however, to publish all written evidence with the exception of material specifically submitted in confidence "as soon as possible" after it is received.

The announcement said: "The Commission believes it to be unavoidable in an inquiry of this kind that some evidence will be heard in private. It has considered carefully whether some of the evidence could be heard in public but came to the conclusion that topics on which evidence could be given in public were so closely related to those on which witnesses might wish to give evidence in private that they could not readily be separated."

The announcement added: "Any attempt to hear part of the evidence in public would impede the Commission's task of ascertaining the truth and give the public a misleading impression of the course of the inquiry."

The announcement said the Commission will not ask proprietors of trade and technical and specialised and religious journals to submit evidence.

Trade and classes of news paper-owning companies would be asked to submit evidence.

Those owning daily or Sunday national newspapers.

Those owning five or more provincial papers.

Companies which do not specifically fall into the above categories including those owning political periodicals.

Associations of owners or journalists who have not yet submitted evidence are invited to do so. At a later date news agencies, advertising organisations and others will be invited to testify.—United Press.

WHARF FRACAS

What was described by one of the ship's officers as "a common occurrence when the ship is in port" took place at the Kowloon Wharf at about 2 p.m. yesterday when four members of the crew of s/s "General Gordon" indulged in a free-for-all on the wharf.

The Kowloon Emergency Unit, under SI Wall, arrived and restored order.—United Press.

SWISS ARE COLD

Como via Rome, June 20.
Rita Hayworth, on vacation here, tried to get into Switzerland last night on her good looks but was turned down by Swiss Customs guards who coldly said "No passport, no visa, no entry."—United Press.

The Public Information Service had earlier denied that

Farran had been identified by three eye-witnesses as the man

who seized the missing youth last month.—United Press.

America Sits Tight On China Loan

Washington, June 19.
The United States Government continued to sit tight on the US\$500,000,000 Chinese recovery loan, which has been held up because of the civil war in China, but gave semi-official approval to a private campaign for voluntary American contributions to help suffering Chinese people.

The United States Export-Import Bank's authority to grant the US\$500,000,000 loan expires at the end of this month unless extended by Congress, and administration leaders have given no hint whether President Truman will ask for an extension.

The President had a White House conference with Mr. John Blandford, Jr., who returned to this country recently after having been in China as economic adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Blandford said they did not discuss any specific plans for helping China such as the Export-Import Bank loan, but he made it clear that he had given the President a gloomy picture of the Chinese economic plight. He said the Chinese government still faced internal trouble, increasing budgetary deficit, inflation and serious inequity between exports and imports.

"I can't say the situation is improving," he added.—United Press.

POTATO FAMINE

London, June 20.
The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told a press conference today that housewives already knew that London was in the midst of its worst potato shortage in a year of shortages.

He said, however, it would be over within ten days.—United Press.

Dramatic Communist

Successes Hinted

CHANGCHUN TO BE CONCEDED?

Peiping, June 20.
Unconfirmed reports from usually reliable sources indicated today the Nationalists were abandoning the isolated Manchurian capital at Changchun in what may develop into a general withdrawal from Manchuria.

Strong forces believed to be elements of the government's New First Army, were reported to be fighting southward along the Changchun railway following a conference at Nanking in which Generals Liang Kai-shek and Gen. Sun Li-jen, commander of the Changchun sector, were believed to have decided to transfer the Manchurian capital in an effort to strengthen the Nationalist defences in the Mukden area.

It is rumoured that the Nationalists will give up Manchuria altogether and concentrate on repelling the Communists in North China, but few believe the government give up Mukden without a bitter fight.

The reported retreat from Changchun and earlier reports of the evacuation of machinery emphasises the importance of recent Communist advances in northern China.—United Press.

Szepingkai Battle

Peiping, June 20.
The Reds smashed into Szepingkai and engaged in desperate street fighting with the Nationalists, Chinese press reports from Mukden said today.

Surrounding the city on three sides, about 6,000 Reds were menning the core of Government resistance. Pushing into the western sector, downtown section, the attackers wrested control in bitter fighting of the Central Bank building and the provincial government offices.

At Nanking, a highly-placed source said only the "most startling" developments will save off the complete loss of Manchuria to the Reds, who already have succeeded in disrupting the Government's main communication lines.

The same source said the Government's efforts to take over the administration of Dairen and Port Arthur under the Sino-Soviet treaty has been "completely frustrated" with a majority of Government offi-

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SHERIDAN PAINTS WILLIAMS

Semi-Liquid Oil Colours.
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Ferry Incident

For interfering with the navigation of the s/s "Man Chil" on June 18, Chan Fan, shoemaker, was fined \$250 (or three months' hard labour) by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI R. MacKenzie said that at about 9.20 p.m. on June 18, the launch was on its way from Mong Kok to Hong Kong when, about 50 to 60 yards from the Hong Kong chart, the coxswain found that he could not move the steering wheel.

Singling the engine-room "Full speed astern," the coxswain sent his assistant off to investigate. Defendant was seen, by the court, coxswain sitting on a plect of wood at the stern with the hand holding an iron pin which locks the steering chain, said DSI MacKenzie.

On being charged, concluded the prosecuting officer, accused pleaded that he was drunk at the time.

"I aged treat him the same as I did the R.A.F. boys," said His Worship.

Japanese Accused Says He Now "Fully Understands"

While admitting that sanitary conditions at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie were not as good as at Stanley Prison, where he had been detained for the last two years, Sgt. Tsubota Kanji, who is on trial before No. 5 War Crimes Court, declared yesterday that he now fully understood the feeling of prisoners at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie who were dissatisfied in regard to food, because he was experiencing the same conditions himself in Stanley.

Tsubota also said that he had with the ill-treatment of Chinese civilians, causing physical sufferings to some and death to others.

The case for the defence opened with the calling of Sgt. Tsubota Kanji, the accused, who said that he was stationed at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie, who had a brutal mentality which was common among Formosans, carried out interrogations very successfully. Tsubota maintained that Lum, in hanging up a suspect, was not using force.

Tsubota is charged with having committed a war crime between July 1, 1943 and Dec. 31, 1944, in that he was concerned at Tsun Wan Kemptai Station.

Coming Events

June 26—Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.

June 26—Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd. annual meeting, noon.

June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.

June 28—H.K. Rope Mfg. Co. Ltd. annual meeting, noon.

July 3—Lane Crawford Ltd. general meeting of Shareholders, noon.

July 11—Tramways annual meeting, noon.

National Day Of Prayer

His Majesty the King has appointed that Sunday, July 6, should be observed as a national day of prayer and dedication to Almighty God in view of the tasks and duties which the nation is called to meet.

The same Sunday, being the fifth after Trinity, will also be observed as a day of Thankful Remembrance for the work of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy.

The Churches in Hong Kong are making the necessary arrangements for the observance of the two occasions on that day.

soners, but anti-malarial pills, issued to the Kempeitai personnel, were given to prisoners suffering from malaria.

The cell block was very old and this, coupled with the climatic conditions, might have led to the prevalence of disease.

Describing Lum, Tsubota said that because he was a young man, he did not like to be outwitted and would always brag about his ability to carry out interrogations successfully. Sometimes Lum would say that it was a very easy matter to carry out Kempeitai duties. "He carried out very successful interrogations and could fill in reports, but he had a brutal mentality, which was common among Formosans," said Tsubota.

Railway Sabotage

Tsubota said that he was not acquainted with the details of the railway sabotage incident, but had heard that an attempt was made to blow up the railway station and an electric generator near Sheungshui. As this incident happened in the area under the control of the Kowloon District Gendarmerie, the Commandant of the Gendarmerie ordered all detachments to apprehend the offenders.

In July 1943, an uncle of the leader of the gang which attempted to carry out the sabotage was arrested in a bakery, which was being watched by an informer of Nakayama.

Tsubota admitted having arrested Siu Ying and several others on or about Aug. 16, 1943. He had just arrived at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie and was ordered by Nakayama to carry out the arrest.

Tsubota said that the persons arrested were interrogated by Nakayama through interpreter Lum. Tsubota admitted having carried out the interrogation of a few of the arrested persons. He had no previous experience in interrogation. "It was the first time that I had conducted an interrogation since I was born," declared Tsubota. He was ordered to carry it out to gain knowledge from Lum, who was an experienced interrogator.

Very Busy

Tsubota said that it was near the end of the month and he was very busy, as there were many reports which had to be rendered. In addition, he had also to pay out the Chinese policemen and to attend to other pending matters. He sometimes left his desk and the interrogation was then carried on by Lum, who took notes and reported to him.

Nothing Further

Tsubota said that he thought the Political Section of the Kowloon District Gendarmerie and the Sheungshui Kempeitai Detachment took counter-measures to catch the culprits responsible for the sabotage by using the persons released. As the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie was some distance from the Sheungshui Kempeitai, he did not hear anything further about the affair.

Tsubota said that Wong Fook was arrested for cutting down virgin trees and sending the wood to Hong Kong for sale. This was prohibited by law. The case of Wong Fook was not a very important one and it was disposed of by deportation. Persons who were deported were those who had failed to render their domicile and persons who were concerned in the cutting down of virgin trees, looting of houses and pickpockets. Tsubota denied having struck Wong Fook with a stick, but agreed that he might have slapped him with his open hand.

Scale Of Food

At that time, the maximum number of persons detained in a cell was between seven and eight. Food, in the shape of a rice ball was given to prisoners twice a day. In addition, salt and subsidiary dishes, comprising food left over from the mess, was given to prisoners. The scale of food at all detachments was the same and was issued according to orders of the Intendence Section. Tsubota said that his prisoners at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie received, left over, they received more food than prisoners at other Gendarmeries. A gall of drinking water was placed outside each of the four cells at Tsun Wan.

Tsubota admitted that no medicine was given to pri-

Hong Kong Industry Discussed

Representatives of Hong Kong's leading industries were guests of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. D.M. MacDougall, at a reception in Government House yesterday afternoon during which views were freely exchanged on the current industrial situation of the Colony.

Among the guests were the two Honorary Advisors to the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, Messrs. Kwong Kuk-tong and Li Heung-hoi.

The question being discussed is whether Japan will dump textile stock piles on oversea markets when trade resumes on

August 15 or will the United States authorities, who incidentally, allowed Japan to over-

produce, order the release of the stored up piecegoods for Japan's internal consumption and thus avert disastrous price-cutting competition.

Well-informed quarters, however, told the China Mail that the competent Allied powers, responsible for Japan's present production, will see the Japanese industrialists are not allowed to revert to pre-war practices of price-cutting and that they will try to maintain price standards initially set by SCAP.

The industrialists were accompanied by Mr. J.J. Cowperthwaite, Acting Director of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, and Messrs. J.A. Galvin, S.M. Courtney and T.H. Hutchinson, of the Trade and Industry Section of the S.T. and I.

Brutality Wrong

Cross-examined by Major Ormsby, Tsubota said that he had been taught how to obtain confessions from a suspect without the use of force. He never used force as it was wrong to adopt brutal methods.

Investigations were carried out for the purpose of finding out whether or not a crime had been committed.

An educated person would understand by talking, but at that time prisoners were undisciplined and they would tell clear lies. As a result, he must have become annoyed and used his open hand to strike them.

It was very difficult, at the present time, to explain his feelings and the cause behind his

actions and the suspect cried out loud, "I had him lowered," declared Tsubota, who added that he did not take any action in the case of persons being struck with a fencing stick because it did not hurt very much, although making a big noise.

Tsubota said that he did not think that there was any truth in the statement that prisoners died in the cells at Tsun Wan Gendarmerie.

Investigations in connection with the sabotage incident were completed by the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie at the end of Aug. 1943. Tsubota said that after a discussion with Nakayama, it was decided to release all who had been detained concerning the incident.

Because he had no experience of interrogation, he did not say anything concerning the actions of the interpreter Lum. He did not think that Lum could be said to have used force.

"Though the action of Lum is hanging up a prisoner might be taken to mean that force was used, I saw until the end that he did this to show me how it was done because I had no experience in interrogation work," declared Tsubota.

After admitting that he had studied Cantonese and saying that Cantonese came to him naturally because he had a Chinese wife and children, Tsubota said that his knowledge of Cantonese did not permit of his carrying out interrogations without the aid of an interpreter.

Sanitation

Nakayama was responsible for all sanitary arrangements at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie. He admitted that the sanitary conditions at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie were not as clean as those at Stanley Prison, where he had been detained for the last two years.

He now understood the feelings of prisoners at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie who were dissatisfied in regard to food, because he was experiencing the same conditions himself.

Tsubota admitted seeing detainees at the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie catching lice from their clothing.

In answer to a question by the President, Tsubota said that if the Prosecuting Officer were to strike him with a fencing stick, he would consider such an act as "the use of force."

The Court then adjourned till 9 a.m. today, when a visit will be paid to the Tsun Wan Police Station.

POP



H.K. Fears Jap Competition

Japan's forthcoming re-entry into the world's textile markets and the policy that the country will adopt when private trade resumes on August 15 is one of the main worries of local piecegoods manufacturers, sources close to Hong Kong's weaving industry, disclosed to the "China Mail" last night.

Anxiety has been caused, these sources said, by the knowledge that Japan's current textile production of 14,000,000 yards monthly was not being sold out. A large portion was being piled up.

The question being discussed is whether Japan will dump textile stock piles on oversea markets when trade resumes on August 15 at low prices or will the United States authorities, who incidentally, allowed Japan to over-

produce, order the release of the stored up piecegoods for Japan's internal consumption and thus avert disastrous price-cutting competition.

Well-informed quarters, however, told the China Mail that the competent Allied powers, responsible for Japan's present production, will see the Japanese industrialists are not allowed to revert to pre-war practices of price-cutting and that they will try to maintain price standards initially set by SCAP.

Meanwhile, local textile concerns which have been exporting for the past 18 months to Siam, Malaya and through Singapore to the Netherlands East Indies, are greatly disturbed by the large quantities of Japanese textiles, which have been ordered by governments in the South Sea areas.

It was reliably learned that 114,000,000 yards of piecegoods will shortly be thrown on the markets in Malaya, Java and Siam. Seventy million yards are now on the way to Java, while 30,000,000 yards are to be released in Siam shortly and 14,000,000 yards in Java.

Authoritative sources in Hong Kong pointed out however, that the textiles are to be released in the territories mentioned at prices not necessarily lower than Hong Kong's

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The same newspaper quoted rumours of a devaluation of sterling, and of the issue of notes of the denomination of HK\$1,000. It is pointed out that nothing is known here of any devaluation of sterling and that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank does not contemplate the issue of any \$1,000 notes.

In Love But Fined

Convicted on the charge of harbouring a girl under 21 years of age, Li Sing, a 36-year-old shoemaker, was fined \$75 by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

According to Inspector W.H. Fraser of the SCA, the girl was seduced by the defendant in Canton where, after staying with him for two days, she was induced to live with him at 529 Shanghai Street, second floor. She was found by her brother at Shantung Street on June 16 and brought up to the SCA.

Accused pleaded that he and the girl were in love and that the girl went to him of her own accord. He was not aware of the fact that his parents objected to the girl staying with him, he said.

MOTORBOAT HIRE TARIFF

The fine for failing to exhibit a table of fares on motorboats plying for hire was raised to \$150 by Marine Magistrate Neil Garland yesterday.

In imposing the fine (or six weeks in default) on Chan Chau, His Worship said only a few days ago when convicting several offenders he had issued a warning that future cases would be more severely dealt with.

On that occasion the fine was \$50 or 14 days.

Inspector Hill prosecuted for the Police.

Lost Luggage

Sir—I shall be very much obliged if you could inform through your esteemed paper Mr. A. Brustad that we have accidentally taken along his bag, which apparently was tied to

the mistake to our lot, when we claimed our luggage the following day of our arrival here by the Empress of Scotland.

The bag is presently at No. 31, Nam Kok Road, Kowloon City.

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Conflict Of Ordinances?

Argument In Case Involving Closure Order

NOT READY TO ESTIMATE

Washington, June 19. Admiral Louis Denfeld, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, said today that the Russians were operating a "considerable number of submarines" in the North Pacific.

Admiral Denfeld told a news conference he did not care to estimate just how many ships the Russians were using in the Pacific. He did say, however, that there were also "some" Soviet destroyers and smaller craft in Pacific waters.—United Press.

Gold Price Drops

Gold changed course yesterday and headed downwards after its recent spectacular spurt. Opening at \$201.50 a tael it went down to \$202.50, and was only a little higher at \$203.50 at the close, with the undertone weak.

Plasters on the other hand improved, and after opening at \$10.00 a 100 went up to \$11.02. At the close they were easier at \$10.00.

Chinese National Currency was quiet to steady, with rates closing at 113 cents for futures and 103 cents for spot. (For \$1.00).

U.S. dollars were easier at \$4.70. Sterling improved to \$13.50, while Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.52.

"Moonshine" Liquor

When RO Fowler raided an unnumbered hut in Kai Hom Village, Sui Kung, on June 18, he found Tsang Fuk, 44, farmer, on the premises "with 12 gallons of fermenting mashed and 12 gallons of Chinese wine. On being questioned, Tsang brought the Revenue Officer to a cave nearby where an illicit still and another 18 gallons of mash (sufficient for manufacturing five gallons of wine) were discovered.

On Tsang appearing before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, RO Paule asked His Worship to take a serious view of the case as a large quantity of "moonshine" liquor had found its way into the market.

Tsang was fined \$400 for possessing the still, \$100 for having 30 gallons of mash, and had his paraphernalia (including the 12 gallons of liquor) confiscated. The alternative to the fines was five months' hard labour.

Inspector's Case: Date Fixed

When William Henry Cowie, Sub-Inspector of the Hong Kong Police, appeared before Mr. W.H. Latimer on formal remand yesterday Inspector J. Orem applied for a date to be fixed for hearing of the charge of accepting a \$50 bribe against accused.

Defendant, in reply to His Worship, stated that Mr. B.A. Bernacchi will be appearing for the defense. DSI J. Johnston of the Special Branch will prosecute when hearing commences on July 2.

The charge against Cowie is that of accepting a bribe of \$50 from one Chan Yu-tung at Yaumati on June 5.

Given Benefit Of Doubt

"Every honest and respectable citizen should immediately hand over anything he picks up to the police," remarked Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday when discharging Lau Yut-ming, 26, coolie, for larceny of a ladies' wrist-watch by finding.

The Magistrate said that he gave Lau the benefit of the doubt.

On June 16, a detective arrested Lau at Repulse Bay beach for possession of the watch. Lau ad-

MITTED that he had picked it up on the beach.

Pleading not guilty, Lau said he knew the watch was lost by a European couple who often visited the beach and he had the intention of returning it.

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Not An Eviction Says Counsel

An appeal against a closure order made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., against the tenants of No. 27 Jervois Street, was heard by the Full Court of Appeal consisting of Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge).

The case for the appellants, The Ah Man & Company, Building Contractors, was that the order was made under a Section of the Building Ordinance which had been suspended by an amendment to the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

At the Central Magistracy, the Respondents, The Hong Kong Pierces Goods Merchants Association, applied for an order when appellants would not leave the premises because of the desire of certain alterations to the premises which would result in the building being unsafe during the reconstruction.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro and Mr. B.A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn, appeared for the appellants and Mr. Elton Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F.H. Lonsdale, appeared for the respondents.

The sole point of appeal, said Mr. d'Almada, was that it was contended by the appellants that the powers given to the Magistrate to make a closure order under the Building Ordinance was suspended by an amendment to the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

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Truck loads of hawkers were continuously brought into the Central Police Station compound and when the raids ended by afternoon a record total of 210 offenders had been rounded up.

With the exception of a number of juvenile hawkers, all the offenders were brought before Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday charged with causing obstructions or hawking without licences.

Fine ranging from \$20 to \$100 were imposed while goods seized by the police were all confiscated.

Inspector H. R. Brownrigg

prosecuted.

Lapsed Tenancy

The premises in question were held on a six months' tenancy which had lapsed, and at the end of the lease the Company remained as statutory tenants. They refused to quit when ordered to do so and rent was refused by the respondents though tendered.

Mr. d'Almada said that the Building Ordinance covered the case of the landlord who wished to rebuild certain premises and might come to Court for the order for its closure. It covered such cases as might arise these days of landlords wishing to pull down a perfectly safe but otherwise obsolete building to erect a modern building which could accommodate many more tenants.

There was no penalty that could be imposed if a landlord did not proceed with the work if he obtained such an order.

Continuing, Mr. d'Almada said that one of the grounds under the Proclamation for the eviction of a tenant was when he used the premises for an immoral purpose or the premises were in a dangerous condition. The premises in question were not in a dangerous condition, but they would be rendered so if reconstruction work were done.

Only Equivalent

Mr. Bernacchi pointed out that in England the only equivalent acts to the Building Ordinance were the Housing and Town Planning Acts, that in these Acts, the Rent and Mortgage Restriction Acts were specifically exempt.

Mr. Bernacchi said that the only exceptional clauses in the Proclamation which exempted were the Women's and Girls' Ordinance and the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

For respondents, Mr. Potter said that a subsequent Ordinance did not repeal a previous one unless it did so expressly and quoted authorities in support.

He further argued that the Building Ordinance was drawn to enable alterations to be carried out and providing certain clauses to facilitate them. He contended that the closure order was not an eviction because where there were contractual rights the tenants might re-occupy the premises after repairs had been carried out.

Hearing was adjourned until Monday.

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Soviet Broadside At Acheson

London, June 19. Radio Moscow today broadcast a "Pravda" article bitterly attacking the foreign policy speech made at an American university by Mr. Dean Acheson, retired deputy Secretary of State. The article described the Soviet Union as "one of the greatest powers in the world, whose sovereignty cannot be diminished by anyone, even with the thickest wad of dollars."

It said Mr. Acheson defended the United States' "unbridled expansion" screened by the fig leaf of the Truman Doctrine, which has liquidated without trace the political prestige of American foreign policy won by Franklin Roosevelt.

"Pravda" said Mr. Acheson was "inspired by a passionate desire to present in the light of the culprit in all or nearly all international complications—the Soviet Union."

It said Mr. Acheson considered America's wartime shipments to Russia as a "financial and political investment which would allow American imperialism to influence Soviet policy or perhaps even given them the right to dictate to the Soviet Union how the latter should behave itself."

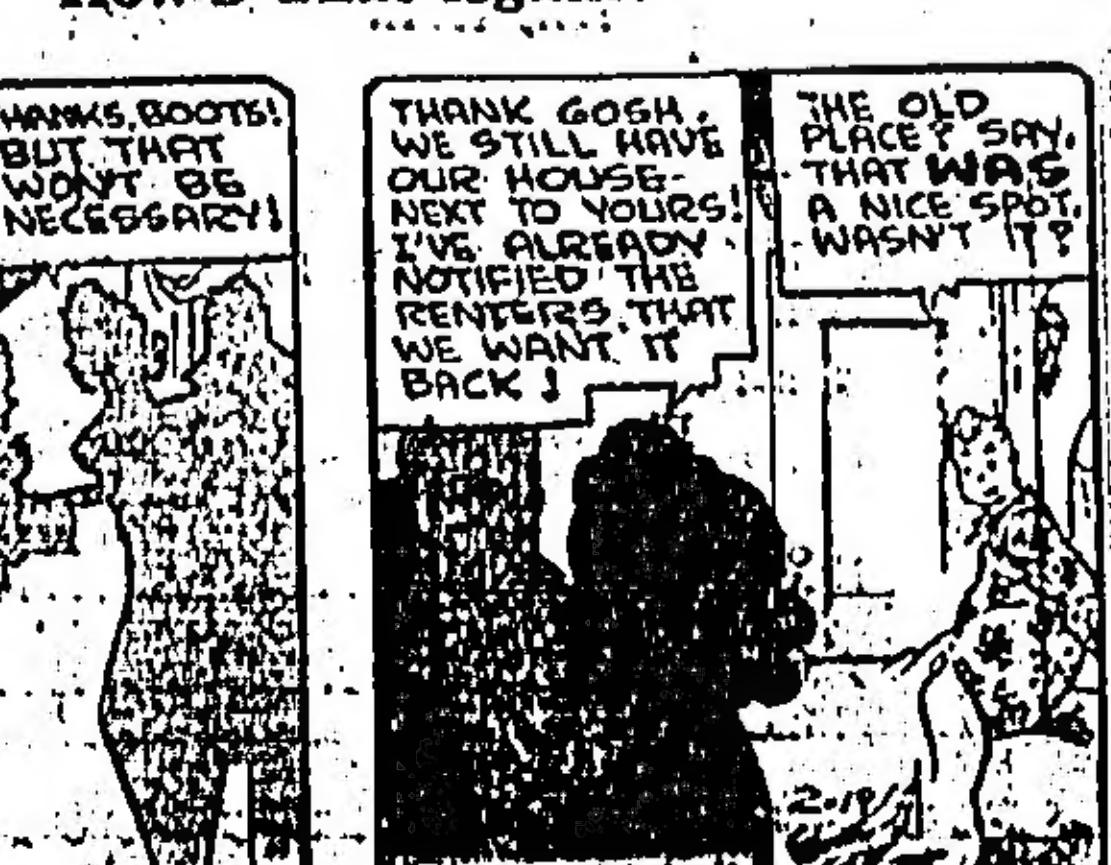
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How's That Again?



BY EDGAR MARTIN

Getting Back Is The Snag

Washington, June 19. A U.S. Army ordnance expert said today that it would be possible for man to travel 3,600 miles an hour in a V-2 rocket and live—if there was some way of getting him back to earth safely. Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Bain, of the Guided Missiles Branch, U.S. Army Ordnance, said the speed of rockets being fired periodically at White Sands, New Mexico, proving ground

Anthony Brooke Snubbed

Singapore, June 19. Retired Rear-Admiral Ellis Mark Zacharias, hero of the U.S. Navy psychological war against Japan, told a House Committee today that President Truman's plan to merge the armed forces under a single Secretary of National Security would be more dangerous "than any possible enemy in the world."

He said every nation that ever adopted such a plan had gone down to defeat. He added that 90 per cent of naval men were against it.—United Press.

Colonel Bain said fruit-flies enclosed in the warheads of projectiles have lived through the experience. A Chicago scientist at present is experimenting with a batch of flies who made such a trip to see if it had any ill effects on them.

If a man were discharged from a rocket at an altitude of 14 miles he would be killed instantly by lack of oxygen and extreme pressure.

One possible solution would be to enclose him in a capsule attached to a parachute which opens when the capsule was released from the rocket.

Mr. Brooke commented: "I was not aware that broadcasting stations in this country—one is controlled by the Foreign Office and the other by the Colonial Office—were publicly owned and operated."

Mr. Brooke, who is the 34-year-old nephew of the former "White Rajah of Sarawak," was forbidden by the Sarawak Government last December to enter Sarawak, which was ceded to the British Crown on July 1, 1946.

He arrived in Singapore from Hong Kong on January 1 this year.—Renter.

R.N. VISIT TO BLACK SEA

Monte Carlo, June 19. A British naval squadron is to sail through the Dardanelles on a visit to the Soviet Black Sea fleet next month to coincide with the Soviet Red Navy Day on July 27.

The squadron will consist of picked units of the Home Fleet who will be making the first visit of British warships to the Black Sea for many years. They will pay a number of courtesy visits on the way, probably including Greek and Turkish ports.

Princess Elizabeth.

"Ever since the Princess was five I have seen her in my dreams," he said. But when he told the British Immigration authorities why he had arrived in England, they refused permission to enter, telling him (he said) "you are undesirable."

—Associated Press.

Portugal Honours U.S. Attaché

Lisbon, June 19. The United States' Air Attaché, Col. Gene Guggins Tibbets, was decorated today with the Military Order of Aviz by the War Secretary Col. Santos Costa, acting for the President Marshal Carmona.

The citation referred to Col. Tibbets' wartime negotiations at the Azores air base, and the hospitality which he had arranged for the Portuguese air missions visiting the United States.

The Order of Aviz is the Portuguese 13th Century branch of the Knights of Calatrava.—Renter.

Of the nine smokers arrested, six were fined \$15 each and the other three (detainees) \$10 each.

Si Walter Collins, prosecuting in both cases, applied for notice of conviction to be sent to the landlords.

SONGSTRESS FINED

Sun Chi-ling, the popular Chinese songstress who was the victim of a vitriol-thrower some time ago, was fined \$48 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when she admitted bringing 18 letters into the Colony on June 10.

Tang Sang was mulcted in the sum of \$30 for conveying 10 letters, while Liu Shau-kuai had paid \$20 estreated on failure to appear in Court.

All the defendants, said Inspector J. Orem, were arrested at the K.C.R. Station.

K.C.R. MYSTERY

For the convenience of Kowloon residents, the Port Health Office will open an inoculation centre at the Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre Building, Nathan Road, on Friday, June 23. The Medical Post and Inoculation Centre at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station, Tsim Sha Tsui, will be closed as from the same date.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Double Tenth Race Meeting October 1947.

Tickets (at \$2 each) for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Kwunpung Handicap" which will be run at the above Meeting can now be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, and also at the Branch Office in Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Applications for Dividend Warrants should be made either personally or by letter to the Registered Office of the Company, P. & O. Building, 4th floor.

The Register of Transfers of the Company will be closed from 23rd June to 7th July 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order
S. A. SLEAP
Actg. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st June 1947.

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BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISPOSALS - FAR EASTERN AREA (M. O. S.) Messrs. Lammett Brothers of Pedder Building, Hong Kong, have received instructions to sell by Auction at their Sales Rooms, Pedder Building, Basement, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 25th day of June 1947 the following:

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Permits to view, Catalogues, Special Conditions of Sale etc. may be obtained from Messrs. Lammett Brothers.

Inspection of Vehicles etc. at the above mentioned Locations can be made between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the 23rd, and 24th June 1947.

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HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The Hong Kong War Memorial Fund Committee is now prepared to receive applications for assistance, where there is need of such assistance, from the following categories of persons:

A. Widows of children of persons who, between 7th December, 1941 and 25th December, 1944, served in any of the Organizations listed in the Schedule below, and who were killed in action or died from wounds received therein; or who, having been captured by the enemy, were killed or died in captivity; or who died as a result of illness contracted whilst on service or in captivity.

B. Persons who, between 7th December, 1941 and 25th December, 1944, served in any of the Organizations listed in the Schedule below who, by reason of wounds received in action or hardships sustained in captivity, are incapacitated from earning a living.

C. Widows or children of any persons whosoever who were tortured during the enemy occupation and who by reason thereof died, or who were executed by the enemy.

D. Any persons whosoever who were tortured during the enemy occupation and by reason thereof were incapacitated from earning a living.

SCHEDULE.

(Note: This is applicable only to applications made under A & B above.)

1. Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force.
2. Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
3. Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Auxiliary and Affiliated Units thereof.
4. Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens.
5. Hong Kong Police Reserve.
6. Hong Kong Civil Defence Corps, as specified hereunder:

Auxiliary Communications Service.

Fire Service.

Lab. & Corps.

Medical Corps.

Ordnance Corps.

Quartering Corps.

Supply Corps.

Transport Service.

Civil Pay and Accounts Service.

Public Works Corps.

Auxiliary Rescue and Demolition Corps.

Applications for enquiries for information should be addressed to the Secretary, Hong Kong War Memorial Fund, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Fire Brigade Building.

Hong Kong, 10th June, 1947.

RUSSIAN SUSPICIONS
Anglo-French Invitation To Talks
Marshall Plan
For Europe

Drama Of Leopold's Fateful Decision

Brussels, June 19.

The "White Paper" on King Leopold of the Belgians, issued in Brussels tonight, rejects as "entirely false" allegations that the King surrendered in 1940 without warning his British and French allies.

A synopsis of the "White Paper" of the committee of eight set up by King Leopold to investigate the charges against his conduct and policy in 1940 was issued tonight.

The report stressed that Belgium's pre-war policy of neutrality was fully approved by M. Spank, the Socialist Foreign Minister, and was ratified by the Belgian Parliament only three weeks before the invasion in 1940.

TOFF ON A MOTORBIKE

Asot, June 19.

An unidentified man, tentatively claiming to be the tradition that the Asot race met in "dress" despite British petrol rationing, today rode through the streets of a small motorcycle with his grey topper ducked into his coat, his spart morning coat tails flying and his kilted-clothes striped trousers rippled tight around his ankles.—Reuter.

Call For New Birth
Of Freedom

Geneva, June 19.

Britain's Sir Guillaume Myrdin-Evans, Deputy Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and chairman of the International Labour Organization governing body, opened the International Labour Conference here today with a call for freedom based on Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.

Assuming that there was not as much freedom today as when the ILO met nine months ago at Montreal, Sir Guillaume said he hoped Lincoln's words could be applied to the ILO "so that this organ can call on the peoples of the earth to resolve that millions of dead shall not have died in vain and that this earth shall have a new birth of freedom."

The Agency's dispatch from Paris quoted the newspaper, "Combat," of Paris as saying that Britain was more interested in the fate of Germany "or, more precisely, the Ruhr" during the Paris talks.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening News" says Russia will decide the matter within 48 hours, and forecasts acceptance by M. Molotov. In that case, the correspondent said, he would bring to the conference a Soviet counter-proposal to the Marshall plan.

This would propose a European recovery plan, not under American auspices but worked out through the United Nations Commission for Europe.—United Press.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road)

Church Notices

CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road)

June 22, 1947, 5:15 Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion, 7:15 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, Children's Service; 11 a.m. matins.

BAPTIST, PREACHER, THE Rt. Rev. M. B. Bevan.

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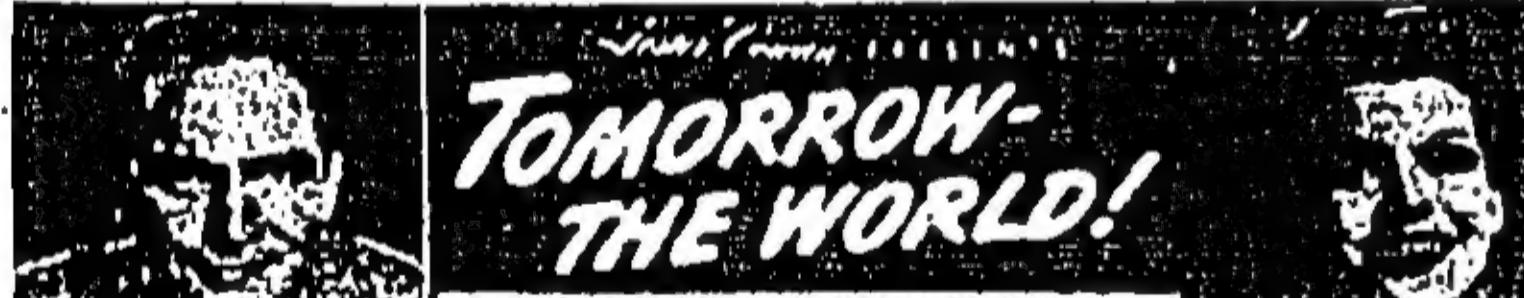


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LABOUR'S HINT TO LORDS

Holding Up Of Nationalisation

Morrison Review Of Planning

London, June 19. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, made it clear in a speech here tonight that the future constitutional policy of the Labour Government would depend on the reaction of the House of Lords to its nationalisation schemes.

Socialisation, he said, had already won the approval of a big majority in the House of Commons. "We shall, in due course, see what is to be done about it by the House of Lords" — in which the Conservative Opposition majority has already dealt the Government a series of defeats on the Bill to nationalise inland transport.

Giving a general review of Socialist methods of planning legislation and administration, Mr. Morrison declared that the Labour Government had been the first to make an effort to organise its programme on the needs of the nation "in accordance with a coherent political and economic philosophy."

The principal measures for the next session of Parliament — which will begin in October — were decided on some time ago, he said, and some of the legislative drafting had already begun.

"O.K. By Me!"

Mr. Morrison said that if the controls and correctives considered necessary for the protection of the public could be evolved through voluntary agreements instead of legislation, "it's O.K. by me."

"I am no opponent of healthy competition," he said. "Socialised industries must not be a happy hunting ground for the go-slows, for the dunderheads or for the people on the lookout for a Utopia of idleness."

Mr. Morrison added that legislation for the reorganisation of the steel industry would not follow the exact pattern of the other nationalisation bills. What was clear was that this basic industry must serve the economic needs of the nation and of the industries to which it supplied vital raw materials. — Reuter.

Hungarian Opposition Accusation

Budapest, June 18. Opposition members of the Hungarian National Assembly today accused the Cabinet of acting "unconstitutionally" in not asking for a vote of confidence before seeking — and being granted — full powers.

They said that the Speaker also acted unconstitutionally last Thursday, when the Opposition leaders had strongly criticised the Cabinet had asked for a vote of confidence.

On that occasion the Speaker had declared Parliament adjourned after Dr. Dezsö Sulyok, leader of the Freedom Party, had said that the "wildest political terror reigns in Hungary."

The Speaker said that the debate had not been closed, but merely interrupted for technical purposes, and would be continued at a future sitting. — Reuter.

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The Division Of Europe

Mr. Bevin Puts Blame On Soviet Russia: "The Beginning Of All That Trouble"

Concentrating On Marshall Plan

London, June 19. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, declared in the House of Commons today that he had "grabb'd with both hands" at the United States Secretary of State's plan for economic aid to Europe and intended to push it ahead with all possible energy and speed.

Winding up a debate on British foreign policy in Europe, which concentrated largely on the prospects for, and the necessity of carrying out, the Marshall Plan, Mr. Bevin made it clear that he did not wish to say anything about the proposals for putting it into effect until the Soviet Government had replied to the Anglo-French proposal for a three-power conference next week.

"It is up to us to tell the United States what we want. It is for us to produce a plan," he declared.

Mr. Bevin bluntly told the House that they must face the possibility of a conflict between ideologies in Hungary, but he was confident that the western world would see the attempt to interfere with the rights of others defeated again.

After listening soberly to unctuous speeches about Soviet ambitions in eastern Europe from both Government and Opposition benches, the burly Foreign Secretary said:

On Hungary—"If there is to be a conflict between ideologies I

Members should not blind themselves to developments in Hun-

GIFT TO BRITAIN

London, June 19. A cheque for £20,000,000, or more than £3 from every man, woman and child in Australia, was handed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, by the Australian High Commissioner, Mr. John A. Brasley, today as an outright gift to Britain without any conditions or reservations.—Reuter.

gury, where the Russians have refused to give Britain information on their part in bringing about the government change.

"Where people know you understand what they are doing then they are less likely to do it next time," Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Bevin denied the Communist suggestions that he had tried to divide Europe.

Mr. Richard Law, former Minister of State, who closed the debate for the Opposition, said: "Russia has floated, or caused to be floated, all those values we fought for in war."

Mr. Anthony Eden, Conservative and former Foreign Secretary, initiating the debate, said that everyone who had studied recent developments in the international sphere, whether in Europe or in the Far East, must have felt increasing concern at the trend of events.

Failure to reach a constructive Allied agreement had paralysed European recovery. The Yalta decision, the Potsdam declaration, the charter of the United Nations, the armistice terms and the peace treaties recently concluded were all based on the assumption that the victorious powers would work together to pursue a common policy toward the smaller nations, whether liberated Allied states or former Axis satellites.

Soviet's Duty

The Yalta declaration pledged the signatories to promote free elections and to allow the nations to choose their own forms of government. The Allies had obligations to keep each other informed of events in respect of enemy countries.

When the Foreign Secretary,

Mr. Bevin—who entered the chamber at this moment—asked the Soviet Government for information in respect to recent events in Hungary, he was not merely exercising his own undoubted right under the armistice terms but he was also reminding the Soviet Government of what it was that Government's duty to do without being asked.

Over and over again the British Government had sent a series of notes, protesting against the lack of political freedom accorded to the opposition parties in Rumania. These representations were all rejected on the grounds that they were a direct interference with Rumania's internal affairs.

Since then there had been political arrests. They had no information concerning the charges against these prisoners, who were in prison without having been tried and without any specific charges being brought against them.

Now there was news that prominent Socialists had been arrested in Poland, but no details had been made available concerning the charges. The same methods were being employed elsewhere in Europe.

Mr. Eden said that pressure had been used to secure an enlargement of Communist membership of the Austrian Government in return for some prospective Soviet concessions in regard to reparations and the signature of the treaty. For the moment the situation appeared to be held, but, coming so soon after the Hungarian coup, these events could hardly fail to cause apprehension.

"Where is the next move to be? Will it be Finland, hitherto comparatively free, but where already there are rumours of threats against the Rightwing Agrarians, and to a lesser degree, against the Social Democrats?" he asked.

Next Move

Mr. Eden added that in the foreign affairs debate in November, 1945 he made a plea for the transformation of relations between the "nation" and the consequent modification of some of our conceptions of sovereignty.

Since then he had on several occasions, both in the House and outside, urged the Government to take steps to secure closer co-operation in economic matters with our western neighbours, particularly with France. All this was wholly compatible with the progressive movements which all wanted to see of trade within

Lottery Where You Can't Lose

Washington, June 20. Representative Adolph J. Sabath, the Democrat from Illinois, has reported his intention to some day introduce a bill in Congress which would authorise a national lottery for Americans in which "nobody will lose any money."

Sabath, who estimated a lottery would raise US\$2,500,000,000 each year for the US Government, said he had been considering submitting such a bill for some time.

United States Post Offices will sell US\$1 tickets for monthly lottery. Prizes would run up to US\$50,000. Winners would be paid in Government bonds, payable in 10, 20 or 25 years. Those who did not win would get the US\$1 they paid for each ticket returned to them after 25 years.

Sabath said interest from the lottery fund over a 25-year period would be sufficient to pay back the original purchase costs for non-winners.

The Illinois Congressman said the "main objective of the bill is to eliminate cheap gambling."—Reuter.

the Empire, both with the Dominions and with the colonies.

Can't Afford Time

Mr. Eden referred to the agreement between Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

"Despite all the difficulties which had to be overcome these countries, by the end of this year, will have established a complete customs union between them and I think one of the results of that will be that this group of small countries will probably become the third trading power of the world, with their overseas partners."

"Admittedly, such negotiations take time and I am not saying that there is a solution of Europe's difficulties, because time is what we cannot afford."

"We, the countries of Europe, have yet to meet the economic crisis, which will reach its peak in the next 12 months, perhaps in the next six months."

The U.S. Secretary of State, General Marshall, in putting forward this offer, had quite rightly made it clear that while the United States was prepared to help, it was for the European countries themselves to agree as to the part they could and would play in making the best possible use of America's assistance.

Mr. Eden concluded that the opportunities now offered to Europe were immense.

Rare Chance

"We must not let them slip. We have here in our hands the possibility of creating a new era for our tortured continent. Here is an absolutely free choice for the East as well as for the West; and here is that second chance that so rarely comes and when it does come is of the nature of a miracle."

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin, who was greeted with cheers as he rose, said:

"It may be for the convenience of the House if at this stage, for I shall be replying to the debate later on, I make a very short statement. As the House will be aware, the French Foreign Minister and I have had preliminary contact on the subject of European reconstruction and the offer of the United States Government set forth in the American Secretary of State's speech at Harvard on June 5.

"We decided last night in Paris to propose to the Soviet Government a meeting of the British, French and Soviet Foreign Ministers to be held during the week beginning June 23, in order to discuss these problems as a whole."

"A reply from the Soviet Government is awaited and the House will understand that until it is received, there is nothing I can usefully say on the subject today.

I know the great interest of the House in the United States proposals and I wish very much it was possible to say more about the position. All I can do now is to repeat that we regard General Marshall's offer as a great opportunity for Europe (Chorus)."

Going Ahead

It is a fact that the Soviet Government will not make any promises that we for our

Truman-Congress Clash

Washington, June 19. A source close to the White House today said President Truman "will blast hell out of the Taft-Harley labour bill" in his veto message to Congress on Friday. The source—the same one from which the United Press obtained a statement on Sunday that Mr. Truman would veto the income tax reduction bill—said the President had prepared an unusually strong message objecting to many features of the Republican labour measure.

In the meantime, it is learned that Senate Democrats are prepared to take the floor for a talk marathon—a " filibuster"—to stave off the vote to override the veto until early next week. Republican leaders hope to force a decision immediately and are ready to hold sessions on Friday night, and Saturday, if necessary.

The debate then passed to the back-benchers.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, Independent Labour Member and Chairman of the Society for Cultural Relations with USSR, defended the withholding of documents affecting events in Hungary.

He asked what would have happened if the British had been prosecuting some dangerous Nazis in the British zone and the Soviet Union, assuming it had the right, had asked to see the documents.

The very least, the British would have said was: "Well,

these documents are in the middle of a trial and we are busy prosecuting on these documents. You are not going to get them until we have completed the trial."

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, one of the leaders of the younger Conservatives, known as the Tory Reform Committee, which aims at reforming the Conservative Party, said:

"Do not let us have false illusions that our relations with foreign powers are going to be decided according to what political party that happens to be in power in this country."

Nothing In Common

"There is nothing in common that I can see between the outlook of the Communist Party in Russia and the overwhelming majority of the Socialist Party in this country.

"In my view, we cannot wait longer upon a Russian agreement. Do not let us be deterred from going on in our own way in building as large a free world as we can."

There was a clash of views between two Labour members who formed part of the British Parliamentary delegation to Hungary last year. Mr. Stanley Evans said that it became clear that the governing element in Soviet hierarchy had no faith in permanent peace or even in prolonged peace.

Consequently they were basing their policies on the text books of Chengis Khan. Out of the mountain of misery in Europe Russia hoped to secure for her "political marionettes" the keys of power."

Mr. John Haine, who headed the delegation, charged Mr. Evans with making a Rightwing speech at a time when the Foreign Secretary had invited M. Molotov to join in a second chance. The situation in Hungary had not changed so much as to justify that speech.

Freedom Being Obliterated

Mr. Henry Strunz (Conservative) said that it was no use blinding oneself to the fact that continuous Russian and Communist aggression was obliterating freedom in the British sense in country after country. Communism had not been defeated.

"Therefore might I suggest before you lecture me on the division of Europe why not ask their own friends why they have been dividing Europe. No one has accused me since being in office of taking one single step to divide Europe."

"In fact, I sat for nearly six weeks in Moscow to try to get the economic unity of Germany so that when you produce it you can weave it into the economic unity of Europe, I failed to get a satisfactory answer or agreement."

Of the Marshall proposals, Mr. Bevin said: "I grabbed them with both hands."

Spurious The Principle

Replying to the suggestion that this business ought to have been organised before, Mr. Bevin asked what could he organise it with. He had neither coal nor goods nor credit. He had not one ton of coal to ship to Western Europe to help to rehabilitate it."

So when Mr. Marshall came along at Harvard and said that he was willing to consider a European plan he felt it was the first chance they had been given since the end of the war to look at European economy as a whole.

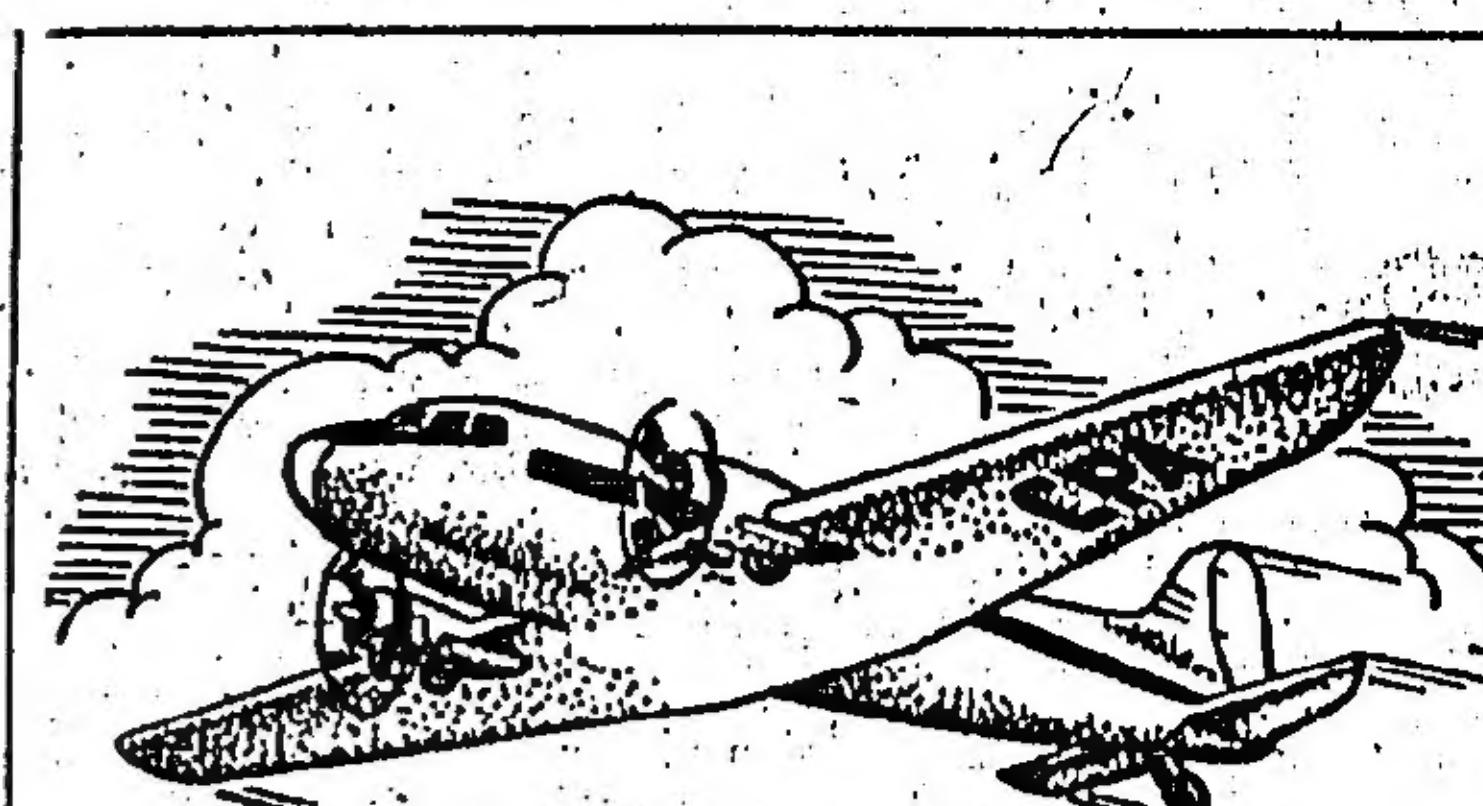
And, dear, Mr. Bevin declared, that the guiding principle he would follow in any talks on the Marshall proposals would be speed.

To further cheer, he declared: "I spent six weeks in Moscow trying to get a settlement and I shall not be a party to holding up the economic recovery of Europe by means of procedure, forms of conference or all that paraphernalia that may go with it. There is too much involved."

Mr. Bevin then turned to Hungary.

"I do not know whether it is worth while going into great detail on this matter. What I do say is this: If there is to be a conflict between the ideologists, I shall regard it as a great opportunity for Europe (Chorus)."

"May I remind him with



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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

Government Lifting Restrictions On Ownership Give And Take On H.K. Roads Long Overdue

The "China Mail" understands that from today the Government order restricting ownership of any number of cars to one person or family, is to be lifted.

This regulation—the Motor Vehicles Allocation and Control Order 1946—was instituted last year with a view to ensuring a fair distribution of cars which arrived in the Colony and preventing the private reselling of new vehicles.

It will now be possible for persons wishing to buy a new car to do so, have it licensed by the police authorities without reference to the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department.

Drive up Garden Road, any day and notice the number of cars, British and American, "pinking" their hearts out, trying to do just a little bit more before changing down. Five times out of ten the owners of these cars will send them into the repair shop for a top overhaul to cure the "pinking." Pro-

per use of the gears seems to be the obvious cure in nine cases out of ten.

Although pump gasoline (68 to 72 octane) in Hongkong seems to be much better than the Pool Petrol obtainable in England, a judicious addition of high octane gasoline (80 to 84 octane) will cure most cases of mild "pinking," besides improving the performance considerably. The extra cost of high octane gasoline, when available, is compensated for by more miles per gallon. To my knowledge, several pre-war owners of high performance cars used this mixture regularly with good results. One, the owner of a 2-litre Sunbeam Talbot says that over 4,000 miles, the cost per mile was even less than obtained by using ordinary pump gasoline, while the performance left nothing to be desired.

Whilst on the subject, one word of precaution. Do not use 100 octane gasoline. The valves, valve seats, rings and plugs will suffer. During the war, however, I saw many a Jeep in China using a 50-50 mixture of 100 octane and alcohol whenever ordinary gasoline was unobtainable.

Do you check your tyres regularly each week? Most synthetics lose about one or two pounds a week, and if your weekly check shows this, all is well. If, however, the pressure drops much more than this in a week, it's time to re-check. You've probably got a puncture! The reason the tyre hasn't gone flat altogether does not mean you haven't got a puncture: The tube, although pierced by a nail will not lose all the air at once, not until the puncture becomes so enlarged by the relative movement of the nail in the tube during use. Most cases the nail acts as a plug until then.

The car reported stolen from outside the Helena May some weeks ago has now been found at Macao. I don't know how it has been identified, but I think it would be a wise move if we

number of avoidable road accidents in Hongkong today. Nowadays, much of the enjoyment of a week-end drive is often spoilt by some road-user, insisting on his "rights." A little co-operation, imbued with a spirit of give and take, on the part of all road users, is long overdue.

thorities or lack of white paint? The introduction of these crossings a few months ago showed a welcome initiative and without a doubt improved the road-crossing facilities in this traffic-laden Colony.

The Chinese population, who usually show complete disinterest in the dangers of colliding with moving vehicles, had also begun to look for the pedestrian crossing lines which can be said to be something of an achievement.

By Our
Motoring
Correspondent

marked our own cars in some ways. Engine numbers and chassis numbers are so easily changed—but a secret mark would most probably be overlooked.

As I said a few weeks ago, we in Hongkong are extremely fortunate in being able to get deliveries of cars in a reasonably short time. Cars are also delivered in spanking good condition, shining as new. care ought to. A buyer of a car in America recently took delivery of his new car, but found he had to fill in oil at every stop for gas. On reaching his home town, he was finally persuaded to strip his engine down—and found that some founders had forgotten to fit any piston rings to the pistons!

No amount of traffic signs, safety islands and the like, will have as much effect on bad mannered, careless behaviour of road users, both pedestrians and drivers of vehicles, as well organised police patrols.

The appearance of a police patrol in most cases is enough to make would-be erring road-users think twice before taking chances.

The careless bus driver, the speeding taxi driver, the day-dreaming owner driver, the saucy cyclist, the jay-walker—all contribute to the large

It is interesting to learn that a new highway code for Hong Kong is to be issued soon. Work on this is now being completed and the new code will be available as soon as translation copies are printed.

The white pedestrian crossing lines on the roads in the centre of Hong Kong seem to be fading. Is this due to lack of interest on the part of the authorities?

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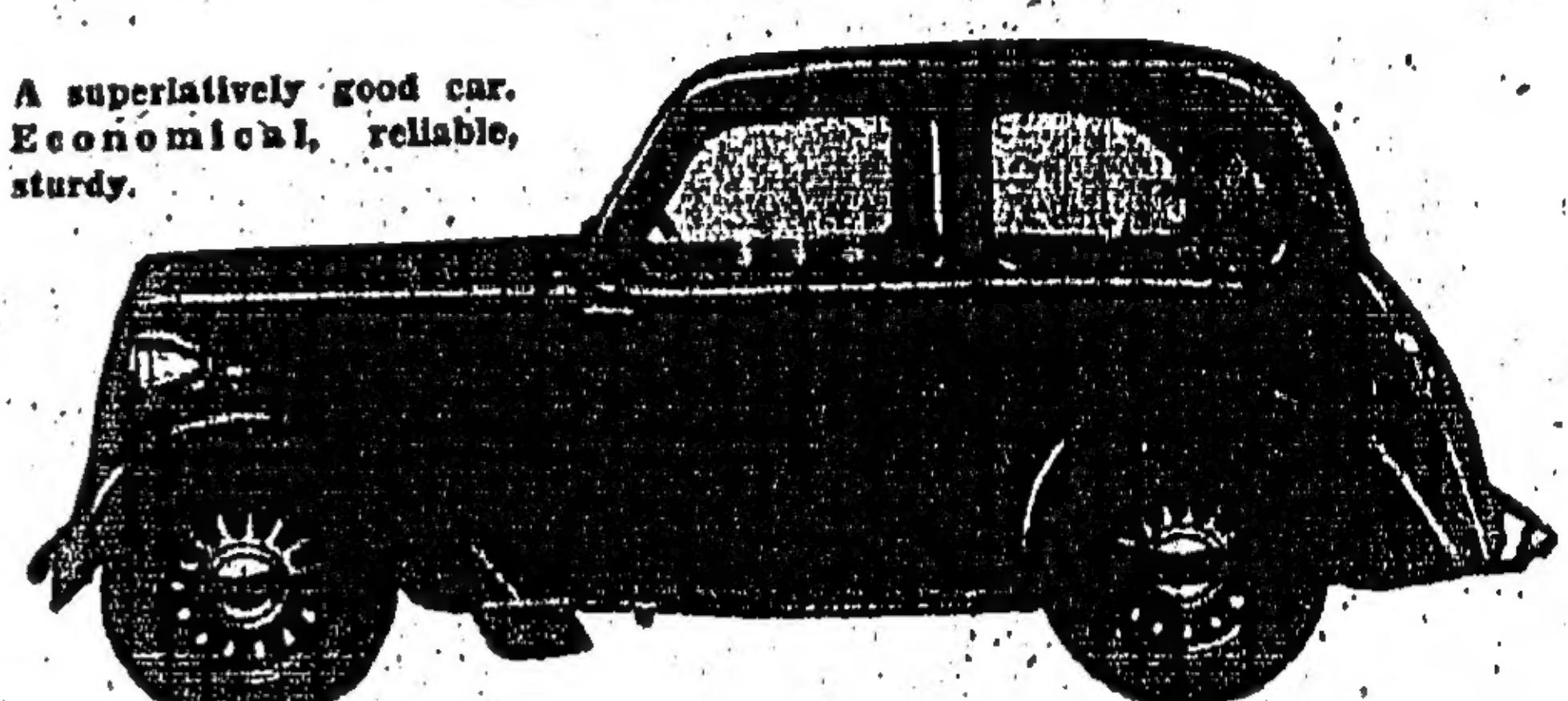
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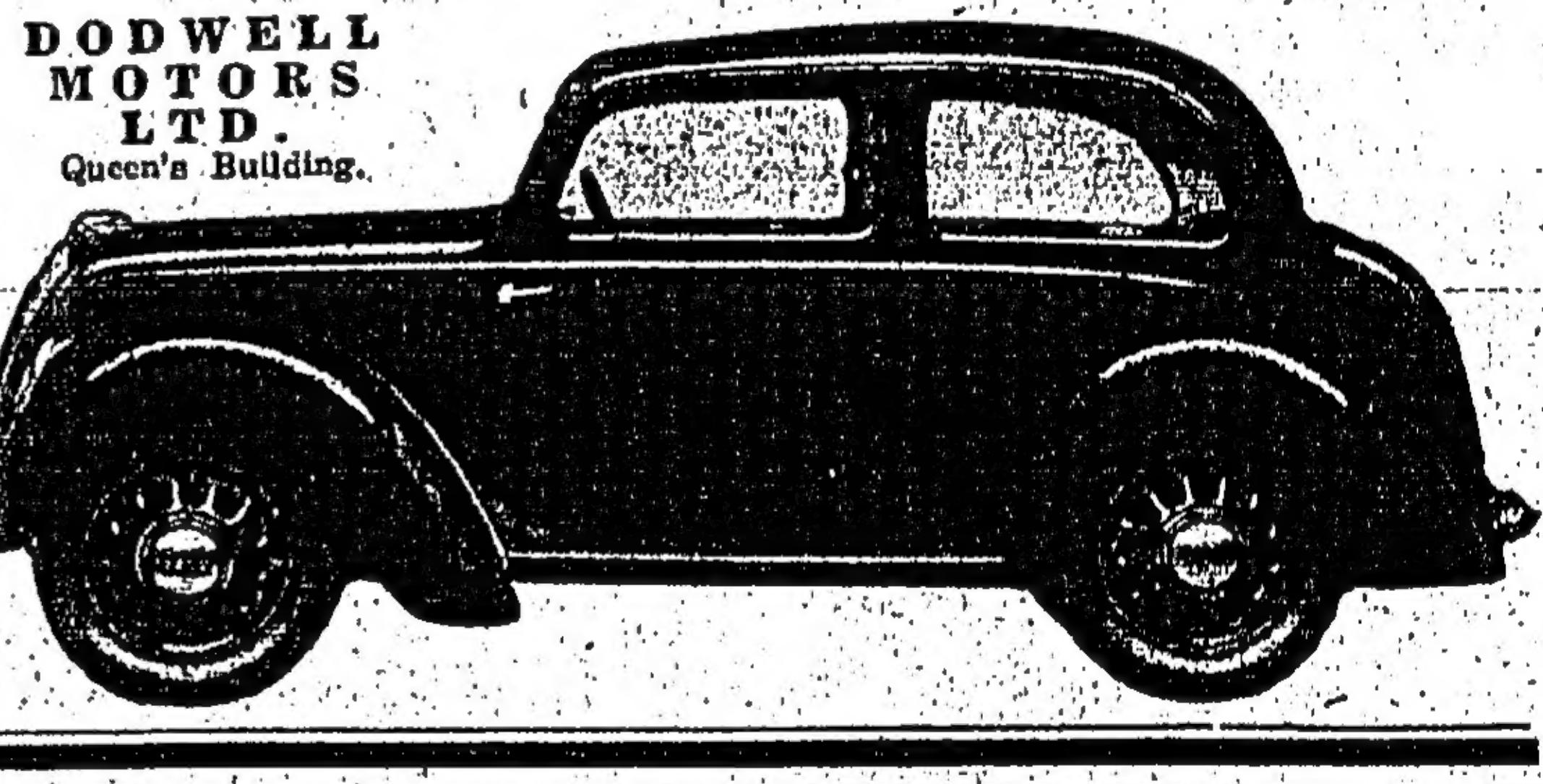
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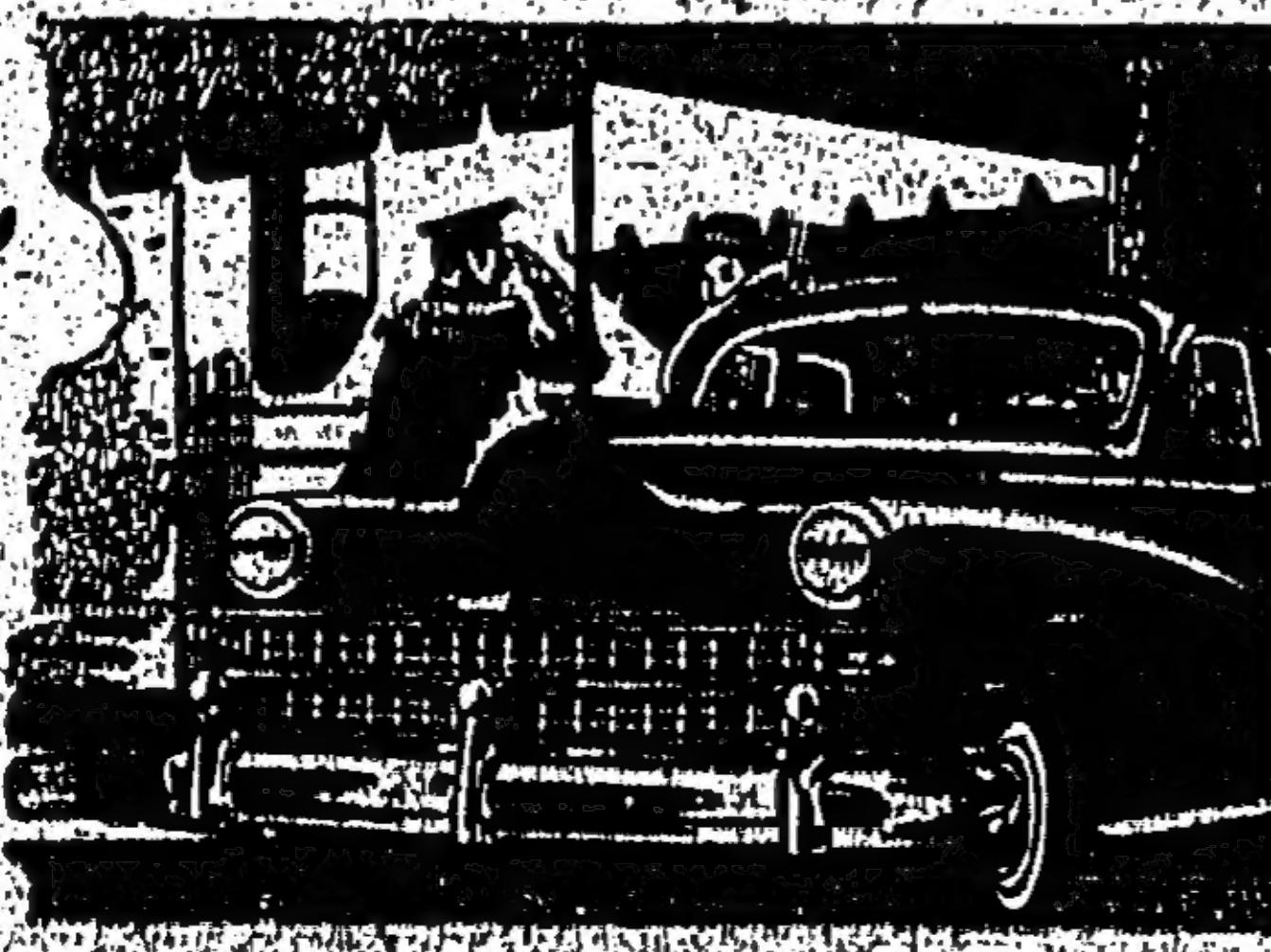
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

Britain's Invention For Limbless Drivers

Britain's latest invention in the motorizing world—equipment which enables limbless ex-service men to drive orthodox cars on the roads—is becoming more and more popular among the world's war wounded.

Twelve months of research and experiment have produced equipment enabling ordinary types of cars to be driven by men who have lost an arm and leg, or both legs. The devices are supplementary to the normal controls so that the cars can still be driven in the ordinary way.

Research men who set to work on the problem talked over their ideas with medical specialists, and received advice from all the organizations concerned with limbless ex-service men. They found, among other things, that about 70 per cent of war-time amputations were at legs, due largely to the effects of landmines.

The New Hudson

The new 1947 Hudson car is equipped with four-wheel hydraulic brakes plus a mechanical reserve braking system which takes hold automatically from the same foot pedal when needed. The dashlocking safety hood of the Hudson is hinged at the front to prevent the wind lifting it when a left unthatched while the car is in motion. This jolts from a lever inside the car, so that when the car is locked the hood is locked.

Some facts about the Hudson Motor Car Company show that over a period of five consecutive years, 271,312 automobiles were produced annually at their plants, and in one year a total of 300,902 cars.

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ROUND THE WORLD OF MOTORING

America has recently produced a startling innovation in the form of a "drive in your car" cinema. Screen performances are provided while seen from the comfort of a car. In several parts of the U.S.A. layout of these car cinemas provide for about 800 machines, and are usually set in pleasant pastoral surroundings a short way from the roadside. Car cinema goers simply wheel their machine in line with other cars and run the front wheels up steep little bank which tips it at such an angle that the picture can be seen in comfort through the windscreen. Windows are lowered and individual loudspeakers hooked inside. This ensures perfect reception of the sound effects despite any noise which other listeners may be making in their own car.

French manufacturing companies are keeping a weather eye concentrated on the American market. The proposed model for the U.S.A. of the veteran French constructor Mar. E. C. Mathis, is called the "666," as there are to be six cylinders, 60 b.h.p. and a weight of 660 kg. Such high claims—they include also 93 m.p.h. from a 60 b.h.p. engine of 2,267 c.c.—should be considered in the light of the estimated weight of 13 cwt unladen. Also contemplated is a 444 model, with four cylinders, 44 b.h.p. and an assumed petrol consumption of four litres per 100 km.

Super-trailers, specially designed for camping enthusiasts are being sold in Britain to overcome the holiday luggage problem of many car owners. One firm has a range of over 70 standard models and has been manufacturing some of the range throughout the war for a variety of special purposes.

Regarding the 6,500 killed and 200,000 injured every year on British roads, he said politeness and normal good manners, which would spare feelings, are out of place in commenting upon them. We should demand the truth. He could congratulate no one on the manner in which the problem had been dealt with so far.

There was a record of sporadic, unmethodical, half efforts, experiments without data or attempts to obtain them, assertions without proof and almost complete failure. We have imposed speed limits, taken them off, and put them back again; built bypasses and dual carriageways, erected Belisha beacons, watched traffic increase, decrease and increase again, and learnt nothing.

Now there is hope. A National Road Research Board is to investigate fuels and institute scientific research free from the control of administration.

In the widest sense, the cause of any incident is the events which lead up to it. He suggested a cause can be usefully defined only as a condition precedent, which it would have been practicable to eliminate and but for which the accident would have been avoided.

His main theory was that no particular cause can be described as more important than another, for if the elimination of one would have prevented the occurrence, then it could not be regarded as anything less than equally important. Thus past statistics are often fallacious. It is therefore essential to set up standards of conduct, road and vehicle, and to judge deficiencies in all categories as equally important.

In tests carried out by Oxfordshire County Council, the most important fact learnt was that in about 87 per cent, of instances, the vehicle was turning to the right from a major road to a minor, or vice versa, and that only some 13 per cent, were turning to the left.

He gave two suggested examples of safer designs for the simplest form of T junction and for a complicated form of cross roads, embodying the idea that minor road traffic must be slowed on entering the major road and should eventually emerge at an acute angle. Traffic leaving the major road, whether by right or left turn, should also filter away at an acute angle.

Flying Standard Eight

The new Flying Standard Eight saloon model available in Hong Kong is now fitted with a four speed gear box, plus several improvements on its pre-war style. Engine and chassis details show the engine unit flexibly mounted. Capacity is 1000 c.c. developing 28 brake horse power.

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The manufacturing company is also exhibiting a number of ex-Government two-wheeled trailers known as the airborne type which were specially designed for transport by glider and were therefore made as light and as sturdy as possible.

They have carrying capacity of 10 cwt and weigh 5½ cwt empty. Contracted retail price in Britain is £25.

British cars were in great demand at the 17th International Automobile Exhibition at Geneva. It is reported, although American cars were on show in numbers.

The special bodied Italian cars, although costly, appeared very advanced in style, with clean wind cheating body lines devoid of ornamentation.

The French minicars provided a number of interesting design novelties, but are probably low powered for the Swiss mountain conditions.

British finish and workmanship were praised, and the Morris Ten, in particular, met with great favour with the Swiss motorists, in search of plenty of power and economy.

In Egypt it appears the Egyptian Government are bringing in new measures to put an end to a black market in new cars. For several months since the removal of all restrictions on the sale of motorcars in that country there has been a considerable increase in black marketing. New cars have been purchased at the approved selling prices from importers and dealers and almost immediately re-sold by auction at considerably higher prices.

Model car enthusiasts tell us that their small machines have as many problems connected with them as the full sized racing car. Usually the small engines have single cylinders, equipped with a little miniature plug supplied by a small coil and a torch battery. The carburetor is simple, because the engines are very high-speed two-strokes. Incidentally sometimes they are diesels, which eliminates the trouble always present with electrical ignition.

One of the most ingenious components is the centrifugal clutch, which allows the engine to be started and run while the vehicle remains stationary, but ensures a good smooth getaway and a firm hold when the engine is at full revolutions.

A New Type Of Engine Starter

A new type of engine starter, which should be of interest to commercial-vehicle users, is now in production in France. The chief advantages claimed for it are a big saving in weight over the normal electric starting equipment, and the high rotational speed imparted to the engine crankshaft.

Known as the Berger, this device is extremely simple in design, and has only three moving parts. Two piston-driven racks, with helical teeth, are mounted in horizontally opposed hydraulic cylinders, above and beneath a pinion. A ratchet-type clutch, interposed between this pinion and the nose of the engine crankshaft.

As an example of what the Berger can do, it may be mentioned that this appliance has been mounted on a French Arsenal aero-engine—an H-type 24-cylinder unit of 4,000 b.h.p. From cold, and with the ignition switched off, the appliance gets this great engine turning over at 179 r.p.m. in one second, and in three-quarters of a revolution.

Pressure in the oil reservoir can be built up either by a hand-operated oil pump or by means of a small electrically operated one. Using a hand pump, full oil pressure can be regained in 30-80 seconds. Whether or not a small power-operated pump be fitted, the hand pump forms a most useful piece of emergency equipment.

The Berger starter is not exhausted after its first effort, as three or four starting impulses can be given before oil pressure in the reservoir needs building up.

Light Weight

The designer, M. Maurice Berger, has sent us comparative weight tables for the electric and hydro-pneumatic starting equipment of a 7-ton vehicle fitted with a 120 b.h.p. six-cylinder oil engine. These show a total weight of 50 lb. for the complete hydraulic installation, as against 466 lb. in the case of electric starting.

Much of this 466 lb. represents additional accumulator weight, over and above that required for lighting, direction indicators, etc., to give the extra power needed by an electric starter motor. In the example given, useful load on the vehicle is increased by 406 lb. by employing the Berger system.

Because of its small dimensions, the Berger can usually be mounted to operate directly on the nose of the crankshaft, but should this not be possible, it can operate on any driven shaft turning at a speed lower than that of the engine crankshaft.

The starter is at present being produced by an important French concern making nearly all the fuel injector pumps used in France. It may, however, be produced under licence in Britain in the near future.

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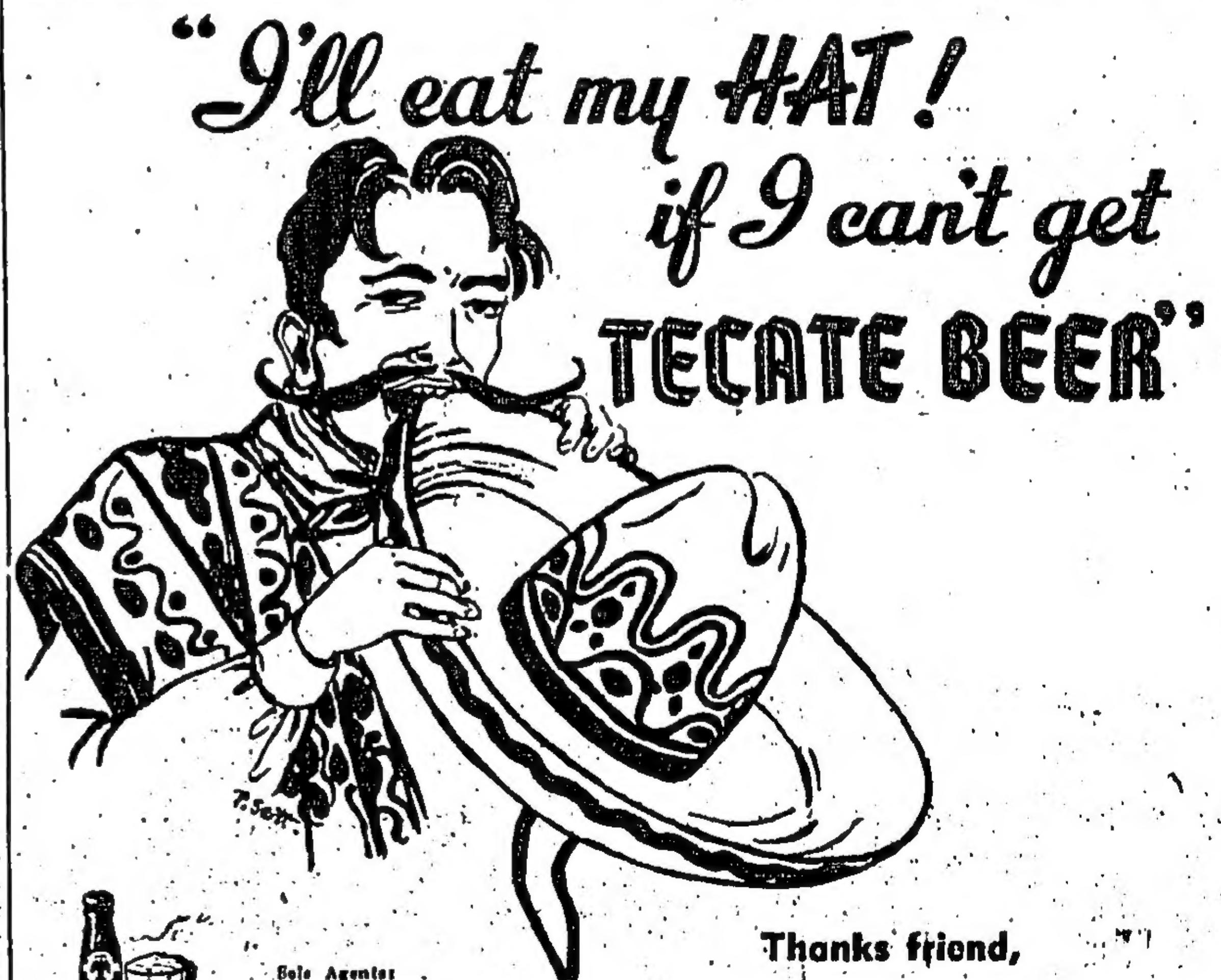
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DISPUTE OVER TARIFFS
Australia Disturbed By U.S. Action
Not Consistent With Charter

Geneva, June 19. The Australian Minister for Reconstruction, Mr. J. J. Dedman, said here today that Australia entered into the tariff talks at the Geneva International Trade Conference under the distinct impression that she would be able to secure a reduction in the United States duties on wool in return for certain concessions she was prepared to make.

The action taken by certain wool interests in America has disturbed Australia very greatly, he added. Only when the Wool Bill question in America had been settled would Australia be in a position to continue negotiations for reduction of United States wool duties.

It would not be sufficient if America dropped the import fee bill, Australia would still require a reduction in the present American wool duties of 34 cents to the pound on imported wool.

Mr. Dedman said he had received no indication that the United States was dissatisfied with the concessions offered by Australia in the wool negotiations. He agreed, in reply to a question, that the Charter provided for discussions in such a case where Australia's national economy might be gravely affected by the wool duties, but said that by the time the Charter came into effect discussions would be too late to be of any value to Australia.

Mr. Dedman said that tariff negotiations between Empire countries and the United States and the charter were very closely linked. If Australia did not achieve what she wanted in the tariff negotiations she would then have to look both at the charter and the tariff negotiations. However fine an instrument the charter might be to give effect to principles of international trade, it could not be of great value to Australia if she did not secure the vital concession which she sought. It might be of great value to other countries, but not to Australia.

Critical Stage

Australia considered the whole negotiations were an integral part of both the tariff and charter discussions. A critical stage in the tariff negotiations had been reached so far as an agreement between Australia and the United States was concerned. It was too early to say what the outcome would be.

Mr. Dedman said he did not feel that the course events had taken in the United States over the wool bill were consonant with the principles on which the charter was supposed to be founded.

Australia looked upon the action taken in America as a matter of domestic policy in which certain antagonists had appeared against the United States administration.

Australia's production of wool amounted to between A\$80,000,000 and A\$100,000,000 (US\$256,000,000 to US\$320,000,000) a year and wool constituted almost eighty percent of her exports to the United States. By comparison with Australia's production, United States production of wool was unimportant.

Any Alternative?

Asked whether he had any alternative to offer as a solu-

tion, Mr. Dedman said he had no alternative to offer as a solu-

The United States Senate today finally approved its protectionist wool tariff bill. Forty-eight votes were in favour of the Tariff Bill and 38 against. More than a dozen Democrats refused to support the Administration's opposition to the measure.

The bill, which permits higher wool tariffs, or restrictions on imports, will now go to the White House for the President's signature or veto.

The protectionist causes of the bill precipitated a controversy between the Democratic leader, Mr. Barkley, and the Republican, Mr. Robert Taft, before the bill was passed.

Mr. Barkley, brandishing a sheaf of letters in which the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and former Secretaries, Mr. Gordan Hull and Mr. Henry Stimson, have protested against the enactment of the wool tariff, declared that the United States Government, by such a policy would invite

Lessons Of War

Mr. Barkley declared: "We cannot afford to stick our heads into the sand economically. We fought two bloody World Wars to learn that lesson."

Senator Taft deprecated the reports that the legislation constituted a radical departure in American policy.

"There is no nation in the world that is not discriminating in some way against American commerce," he claimed, nevertheless, that since the imposition of the import fee or quota remained discretionary with the President and was banned if seemed in contention to any existing trade agreement, "there is utterly no reason why any foreign nation should think we are adopting a high tariff policy."—Reuter.

SOVIET ENVOY LEAVES

Nanking, June 19. The Soviet Ambassador to China, A. A. Petrov, accompanied by Mrs. Petrov, their two daughters and his private secretary, left by plane for Tihua this morning en route to Moscow.

The Soviet Ambassador is scheduled to remain in Tihua, capital of Sinkiang, for two or three days before continuing his journey to Moscow.—Central News.

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Backers Have Bad Time At Ascot Meeting

Ascot, June 19. France made ample amends for her many costly Ascot defeats when restaurant owner M. F. R. Schmitt's four-year-old Souverain cantered away with the Gold Cup, the premier award of the four-day Royal meeting, run over a distance of two and a half miles.

In glorious sunshine, before the Princesses and the biggest crowd of the meeting, Souverain (starting at six to four) scored a four lengths' win over the 11 to 10 on favourite Chanteur.

Chanteur, sweating badly in the paddock, did not look his best.

Superbly ridden by the French jockey, M. Lollier, who won the King George VI Stakes over this Ascot course last October, he did not get in

"Ty" Cobb's Troubles

Reno, Nevada, June 19. Tyrus R. "Ty" Cobb, heavy hitting "George" Punch, whom many sports experts call the greatest outfields in American baseball history, today filed for divorce.

Cobb, all-time American League great, charged his wife, Charlie Lombard Cobb, with three years separation. The Cobbs were married in Augusta, Georgia, on Aug. 7, 1908.

Cobb, now a major stockholder in a famous soft drink company, has been estranged from his wife for several years. His wife filed suit for divorce from her husband in Redwood City, Cal., about four months ago. She asked for a \$1,500,000 property settlement. The suit was later withdrawn with an announcement that a settlement was being arranged. The complaint filed in the district court here said the property settlement has been agreed upon. Its terms were not disclosed. —United Press.

FIGHTING BACK

Atlanta, Georgia, June 19. Fighting back from a three-hole deficit with just six holes to play, medalist Grace Lenczyk of Newington, Connecticut, advanced to the semi-finals today in the women's Western Open golf tournament here. —United Press.

Detroit, June 19. Jimmy Demarest, whose 1947 golf earnings exceed US\$15,500 in cash, added the silver-plated Alex Smith trophy to his winnings with three under par, 69, which gave him medal honours in the 29th annual Professional Golfers' Association tournament with a score of 137. —United Press.

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SPORTS CRITICS UPSET AUSTRALIANS

Sydney, June 20. The tabloid "Sydney Daily Mirror" has printed a hot attack on English sports-critics who, it said, "use the slightest pretext to rave and snivel about what they call lack of sportsmanship."

Other Australian comments were, however, critical of the Australian tennis players' withdrawal from the Queens Club tournament after the draw had been made and John Bromwich had eliminated one player.

The "Mirror" said, in a sports page editorial, that because of their withdrawal, the Australians had been "slandered and traduced by a pack of carpent critics" and pointed out, "surely they have some say in training and tournament play before the big event" (the Davis Cup).

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Leaving The Holy See

Vatican City, June 18. M. Jacques Maritain, French Ambassador to the Holy See and one of the best known lay Catholic philosophers, may shortly quit his post at the Vatican.

Maritain was given the Grand Order of Plus IX by the Pope on June 2. Vatican quarters pointed out that this decoration is generally given to diplomats about to leave the Holy See.

Maritain's reported replacement as French Ambassador to the Vatican is M. Vladimir d'Ormesson, who held the Vatican post until Italy declared war on France in June, 1940. —United Press.

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Amour Propre Upset

Paris, June 19. French tennis circles today felt insulted by the fact that Yvon Petra, French holder of the Wimbledon singles title, was seeded only seventh for this year's Wimbledon, beginning next Monday.

It was pointed out that in the past the defending champion normal was accorded the top-seeded spot.

"We do not mind the English breaking down tradition," one French official said, "but we do not like to be insulted as a result of it."

Petra, when asked for his opinion, said: "I am rather disappointed, but then that is not important, I must be in good form and show them again that I can win."

Petra added that, his own chances apart, Jack Kramer, of the United States, was his choice, but he thought Jaroslav Drobný, of Czechoslovakia, could easily reach the final if he played as he did against France in the Davis Cup European Zone semi-final in Prague. —Reuter.

Gloucester Chasing Middlesex

London, June 19. Gloucester, chasing Middlesex hard for the English county cricket championship, looked well set for another win at the close of play today in their match against Worcestershire.

Closers of second day's play scores were:—

At Worcester: Worcestershire 172 and 221; Gloucestershire 248 and 58 for two.

At Guildford: Sussex 301; Surrey 186 for seven.

At Nottingham: Kent 130 and 163 for three; Nottinghamshire 462 for five declared (Wilson 140, Reddick 139; Simpson 70).

At Ilkeston: Derbyshire 327 (Worthington 130, Revill 78; Elliott 69); Leicestershire 104 (Pope six for 30, Gladwin four for 38) and 26 for three.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 442 (Jones 132); Essex 216 (Gray 58); and 54 for two.

At Oxford: Middlesex 175 and 219 for seven (Compton 70); Oxford University 372 (Keighley 69, Donnelly 84; Young six for 105).

At Harrogate: Yorkshire 164 and 73 for three; Gentlemen of Ireland 92 (Robinson six for 35).

At Manchester: Lancashire 270 for five declared and 83 for one; Cambridge University 191 (Price four for 48).

At Southampton: Hampshire 434 for nine declared (Eagar 64; Hill 69); Northamptonshire 294 for six (Cox 56, Timms 68).

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